

Columbia Special Olympics Summer Games to be held at Gallaudet University on June 13, 1997. The U.S. Capitol Police will host opening ceremonies for the torch run on Capitol Hill, and the event will be free of charge and open to the public.

Each year, over 1,000 law enforcement representatives from 60 local and Federal law enforcement agencies in Washington, D.C. participate in this annual event to show their support of the Special Olympics. This is a very worthy endeavor which I am proud to support, and I urge my colleagues to pass this resolution, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER], the distinguished sponsor of the Soap Box Derby legislation.

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Ohio, [Mr. TRAFICANT] for yielding, and I thank the gentleman from California, [Mr. KIM], as well.

Obviously, Mr. Speaker, I am in very strong support of the pending resolution on the Special Olympics. It is an extraordinarily worthwhile endeavor, giving hope and opportunity to so many folks, and it is worthwhile that the Capitol Grounds be allocated for that particular purpose.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, I was a little late getting here and it passed with such efficiency and effectiveness that I failed to timely reach the floor. But I appreciate the gentleman from Ohio yielding and his suggestions as well and rise in strong support of H.Con.Res. 49, which authorizes the use of the grounds of the U.S. Capitol for a truly wonderful and family-oriented event, the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

Mr. Speaker, I have sponsored this resolution for the past 6 years, and I want to thank the committee and its staff for assuring the timely passage of this resolution in each one of those years. This Soap Box Derby is an American tradition. The Hill, Capitol Hill, is an excellent hill from which to do that, and it is certainly appropriate that on July 12, just a week after the birthday of our Nation, that this very American of traditions is carried out in the site of the U.S. Capitol.

It is a tradition which teaches to young people self-reliance, the worth of competition, and the worth of adding their hands and their talent to constructing something of worth.

So I again express my strong support not only of the resolution already passed on the Soap Box Derby, but on this one as well.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Soap Box Derby is an institution, as is the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER], and we ap-

preciate his work with our subcommittee each year, and we thank him for his support and leadership.

I would like to speak out for this resolution. The D.C. Special Olympics has participants from over 100 public schools, group homes, agencies and associations serving citizens with developmental disabilities. The D.C. chapter reaches over 25 percent of all eligible citizens. No other city or State does it any better.

So I want to join with the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM], the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. OBERSTAR] and the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. SHUSTER] and with the staff, Mr. Barnett and Ms. Brita, in support of this resolution and urge its passage.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. KIM] that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H.Con.Res. 67.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on House Concurrent Resolution 67.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

CONCERNING THE DEATH OF CHAIM HERZOG

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 73) concerning the death of Chaim Herzog.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 73

Whereas Chaim Herzog, the sixth President of the State of Israel, passed away on Thursday, April 17, 1997;

Whereas Chaim Herzog, in his very life exemplified the struggles and triumphs of the State of Israel;

Whereas Chaim Herzog had a brilliant military, business, legal, political, and diplomatic career;

Whereas Chaim Herzog represented Israel at the United Nations from 1975-1978 and with great eloquence defended Israel and its values against the forces of darkness and dictatorship;

Whereas Chaim Herzog, as President of Israel from 1983-1993, set a standard for honor and rectitude; and

Whereas Chaim Herzog was a great friend of the United States of America and as President of Israel had the honor of addressing a

joint meeting of the United States Congress on November 10, 1987: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That—

(1) the Congress of the United States notes with great sadness the passing of Chaim Herzog, a great leader of Israel and a great friend of America and the Congress sends its deepest condolences to the entire Herzog family and to the Government and people of Israel; and

(2) a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Speaker of the Knesset in Jerusalem, to President Ezer Weizman of Israel, and to Mrs. Aura Herzog of Herzlia, Israel.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. BEREUTER] and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. BEREUTER].

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this resolution is very simple; it is to express the condolences of the House to the family of Chaim Herzog, the late President of the State of Israel, and to the people and Government of that State. Chaim Herzog was, as many know, the son of a rabbi, in fact, the son of the Chief Rabbi of Ireland. He became a soldier in the British Army, landing in Normandy and running British intelligence in northern Germany. Later he was a lawyer and a diplomat serving in the Israeli Embassy in Washington, and as Permanent Representative to the United Nations. In the culmination of his career, he became the President of the State of Israel.

The President of Israel is its Head of State, standing above politics but critical to the public life of the country and a symbol of its unity.

Mr. Speaker, this Member joins with my colleagues in expressing our thanks for the life of Chaim Herzog and our condolences to his family in Israel and his friends and admirers around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] and the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] for bringing this resolution before the House. I commend both of them for their leadership on this resolution.

As has been explained by the distinguished gentleman from Nebraska, Chaim Herzog was the sixth President of the State of Israel. He had a very brilliant military, business, legal, political and diplomatic career. He was a great leader of Israel, and a great friend of America. Those of us who knew him personally knew him to be a man of extraordinary compassion, exceedingly gracious, and had about him a great lack of pretense, despite his extraordinary achievements.